21. TYPED NAME: RICHARD C. ALLEN BMCHO 23. REMARKS:

20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL:

FORM CMS-179 (07-92)

19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL:

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services 7500 Security Boulevard, Mail Stop S2-14-26 Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850



Disabled & Elderly Health Programs Group

October 18, 2013

Kim Malsam-Rysdon Department Secretary Department of Social Services Division of medical Services 700 Governors Drive Pierre, SD, 57501-2291

Dear Ms. Malsam-Rysdon,

We have reviewed South Dakota State Plan Amendment (SPA) TN. 13-007 received in the Denver regional office on July 27, 2013. This amendment proposed a 2.1% increase in the dispensing fee to \$4.40 plus an additional \$0.80 for unit dose dispensing. In addition, the SPA proposed the replacement of Average Wholesale Price (AWP) with Consolidated Price which is calculated as Wholesale Acquisition Cost (WAC) multiplied by 1.2.

We are pleased to inform you that the amendment is approved with an effective date of July 1, 2013. A copy of the CMS-179 form, as well as the pages approved for incorporation into the South Dakota state plan, will be forwarded by the Denver Regional Office. If you have any questions regarding this amendment, please contact Emeka Egwim at (410) 786-1092.

Sincerely,

/s/

Larry Reed
Director
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ATTACHMENT 4.19-B PAYMENTS FOR MEDICAL AND REMEDIAL CARE AND SERVICES

12a. Prescription Drugs

The State agency will reimburse prescription drugs at the lowest of the following:

- 1. The pharmacy's usual and customary charge to the general public for the drug;
- 2. The Federal upper limit for the drug;
- The Consolidated Price for the drug, less 13 percent. Consolidated Price is a replacement for Average Wholesale Price and is calculated as follows: Wholesale Acquisition Cost (WAC) multiplied by 1.2, if no WAC then Direct Price multiplied by 1.2; or
- 4. The price for the drug as shown on the agency's published list of drugs with a State Maximum Allowable Cost (SMAC). SMAC items are those drugs widely and consistently available to South Dakota pharmacies at a price that is significantly less than Consolidated Price. The agency employs a third party contractor whose proprietary research determines prices for drugs from multiple sources. The vendor posts the prices to the website https://sd.providerportal.sxc.com/providerportal/faces/PreLogin.isp, and updates the list monthly.
- 5. Calculation of items 2, 3, and 4 also includes a dispensing fee when applicable. The dispensing fee is \$4.40 plus an additional \$.80 for unit dose dispensing. The methodology used to develop the dispensing fee utilized information from participating pharmacies relative to their operating costs and the volume of prescriptions dispensed.

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